

and right foot versions.

REMARKS

The changes made to this non-provisional patent application have been made without the addition of new material, and with the sole intent of making the material consistent and clear. The changes are noted here in the order that the examiner detailed them. As per a conversation in the interview with the examiner, further corrections have been made to bring the patent to high level technical writing standards without introducing new matter. These changes include grammatical corrections, a standardizing of the terms for reference numbers along with a parts list included at the end of the specification, a reordering of some words in sentences to make the sentence clearer in meaning, adding reference numbers to some terms in the specifications and to the corresponding parts of the drawings to make the relationship between them more clear, and a renumbering of some of the invention's parts so that reference numbers are not used more than once for any part.

The drawings have been amended as noted to correct drawing numbers to comply with the examiners recommendations in the office action. All changes to the drawings have been marked in red, and enclosed herein.

1. The specification has been amended on page 23, line 11 to overcome the examiner's observation of incorrect usage to the 1082 reference character which eliminates the need to change FIG. 12.
2. The specification has been amended on page 14, line 17 replacing the "1101" reference number with the newly added 1002 of FIG. 1.
3. Left side 127 and right side 128 have been added to the drawings and specifications for clarity having antecedent precedence in the claims.

The specification has been amended in paragraph format to comply with the examiners recommendations in the office action. The order of changes follows the numbering system noted in the office action. Addition changes to improve the technical writing standards follow the sequence of the patent as originally filed. Since the changes are made using a system of underling for added words and using brackets to denote words to be deleted,

the remarks are minimal for this section. The denotation system itself remarks the material changed. If further remarks are desired, the inventor is ready to make them on request.

The claims have been rewritten to comply with the examiners objections and recommendations in the office action. The inventor has taken an approach of rewriting the claims in an effort to make the amendment process of the claims as clear and simple as possible without sacrificing content. These remarks are not intended to limit the scope of the claims.

Remarks for Claim 21. Claim 21 is a combination of the original claims 1, 2, and 4 as per the examiner's suggestion. It refers to the type of swim fin apparatus found in Figures 11, 15, 16, 19, 22 and 24. Although the antecedent information in the specification referring to a wing shaped tail fin reflects on a recent patent issued to this inventor, the combination of such a tail fin with channeling scoops represents the creation of a unique invention.

Remarks for Claim 22. Claim 22 refers to the type of tail fin found in figures 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, and 24.

Remarks for Claim 23. Claim 23 refers swim fin apparatus found in figures 11, and 12.

Remarks for Claim 24. Claim 24 refers to elements found in swim fin apparatus in figures 20, 18 and 1A as described in the specifications on page 30 line 9, and on page 16 line 10, respectively.

Remarks for Claim 25. Claim 25 refers to grooves represented in figures 1A, 11, 18, and 20, as described in the specifications on page 22 line 13. It's important to note that these patterns of grooves and texture are not meant to influence the movement of the swim fin apparatus, but rather the surface tension in the water.

Remarks for Claim 26. Claim 26 refers to figures 1A, 12, and 23 where the flexible blade is reduced in size to enhance cost savings.

Remarks for Claim 27. Claim 27 refers to figure 12 in a generic sense, and has references in the specification on page 23 line 11 with a clearer description of this information in the clean copy relating to the original specifications.

Remarks for Claim 28. Claim 28 refers again generically to figure 12, and has references in the specification to page 23 line 14 with a clearer description of this information in the clean copy relating to the original specifications.

Remarks for Claim 29. Claim 29 refers to figures 18, 19, 20, and 21 with reference in the specifications to page 31 line 9 and the temporary

nature of the foot-pocket or as in figure 18 where there is no foot-pocket but only a sole for the user's foot.

Remarks for Claim 30. Claim 30 refers to figures 1A, 11, 12, and 22 with the straight leading and trailing edged tail fins instead of curved leading and trailing edged tail fins.

Remarks for Claim 31. Claim 31 refers to grooves represented in figures 1, 11, 18, and 20, as described in the specifications on page 22 line 13. It's important to note that these patterns of grooves and texture are not meant to influence the movement of the swim fin apparatus, but rather the surface tension in the water.

Remarks for Claim 32. Claim 32 refers to figure 12 in a generic sense, and has references in the specification on page 23 line 11 with a clearer description of this information in the clean copy relating to the original specifications.

Remarks for Claim 33. Claim 33 refers to figures 18, 19, 20, and 21 with reference in the specifications to page 31 line 9.

Remarks for Claim 34. Claim 34 refers to figures 18 and 20 and a similar use of such securing straps.

Remarks for Claim 35. Claim 35 refers to figure 1A, 11 and 12 and similar swim apparatus.

Remarks for Claim 36. Claim 36 refers to a version of figures 18 and 20.

Remarks for Claim 37. Claim 37 refers to the type of tail fin found in figures 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, and 24.

Remarks for Claim 38. Claim 38 refers to grooves represented in figures 1A, 11, 18, and 20, as described in the specifications on page 22 line 13. It's important to note that these patterns of grooves and texture are not meant to influence the movement of the swim fin apparatus, but rather the surface tension in the water.

Remarks for Claim 39. Claim 39 refers to figure 12 in a generic sense, and has references in the specification on page 23 line 11 with a clearer description of this information in the clean copy relating to the original specifications.

Please contact John Melius at 301-870-8708 if any additional changes should be required. The inventor wishes to thank the examiner for his sincere efforts to advance the application to issue in full or in partial allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Melius", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Enclosure:

Drawings marked in red, 6 pages, and one page without red marked changes.

Marked up copy of changes, 53 pages,

Clean copy of application, 50 pages,

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